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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to undertaking examination, please amend without prejudice the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete the sentence at page 17, lines 14-15 stating: "Besides this difference, the general structure and functioning of the first and second embodiment are more or less the same."